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SUBJECT: MARCOS REPLY TO MANSFIELD STATEMENT ON PHILIPPINE EARTH-
QUAKE

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1. SENATOR MANSFIELD'S STATEMENT ON PHILIPPINE EARTHQUAKE
AND SUBSEQUENT SENATE RESOLUTION GIVEN MAJOR COVERAGE IN
AUGUST 25 MANILA PRESS ALONG WITH MARCOS REPLY. TYPICAL
HEADLINE IN "TIMES JOURNAL" READ: "MANSFIELD HITS US AID
WITH STRINGS." FULL TEXT OF MARCOS REPLY CARRIED BY PNA
AND SEVERAL PAPERS AS FOLLOWS: "I WISH TO THANK YOU MOST
SINCERELY FOR YOUR STATEMENT ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE IN
WHICH YOU SPOKE SO WELL OF OUR ENDURING PHILIPPINE-
AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. NO ONE COULD HAVE GIVEN BETTER
EXPRESSION TO THOSE FINE AND NOBLE SENTIMENTS THAN ONE
WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THAT FRIENDSHIP, AND WHO OVER
THE YEARS HAS COME TO SPEAK SO ELOQUENTLY OF THE MANY
VIRTUES THAT HAVE MADE THE AMERICAN NATION GREAT.
PARAGRAPH IN CONVEYING TO YOU THE THANKS OF OUR
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PEOPLE, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE GENEROUS

EXPRESSIONS AFFIRMED BY YOUR KIND INITIATIVE AND BY
YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE WILL HELP US TO GREATER
DETERMINATION AND COURAGE AS WE MEET OUR PRESENT
DIFFICULTIES THROUGH OUR OWN INITIATIVE AND RESOURCES.
PARAGRAPH KINDLY CONVEY TO ALL THOSE WHO SHARE DEEPLY THE
GRIEF AND SUFFERING OF OUR PEOPLE ON THIS OCCASION,
OUR MOST PROFOUND GRATITUDE."

2. COMMENT: MARCOS HAS TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
IT CLEAR THAT, WHILE HE STILL VALUES THE AMERICAN
CONNECTION, HE IS HOLDING FAST TO SELF-RELIANCE
POLICY ON EARTHQUAKE AID.
SULLIVAN

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